

**SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**26F & 26F ½ SMOKE DETECTOR &**  
**CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR COMPLIANCE POLICY**

1. File an application for 26F/26F 1/2 certification at the Fire Prevention Bureau, 255 Somerville Avenue (Blank applications are available, cannot be done electronically). *Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
2. The certification/inspection fee is \$50.00 per unit; it must be received at the time of filing. Checks only, **NO CASH ACCEPTED**. Fee is non-refundable.
3. A date and time for inspection will be assigned when the application is filed. The inspection **must be requested at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date desired**. Inspections are scheduled on a first come first served basis.
4. **BEFORE** the inspection, the alarm system should be checked by the owner, agent, or an electrician for proper operation and placement/location of detectors (*Information available at Fire Prevention Bureau, 255 Somerville Ave*).
5. **Inspection Day:**
  - a. Arrive at the location at least five (5) minutes before the designated time.
  - b. The Inspector will wait ten (10) minutes past the scheduled time. After that, the application will be returned as a failed inspection.
  - c. The System will fail automatically if the devices are not mounted or operating. The Fire Inspector is not there to install batteries/detectors or to direct someone else to perform these procedures.
  - d. Have keys and access to **ALL** areas of the building. If the Inspector cannot get into an apartment or area, the inspection **FAILS**.
6. Certificates are considered valid for sixty (60) days from the date issued.
7. If the System **FAILS**, you must submit a new application and schedule a **NEW** appointment, subject to the conditions outlined in #2 and #3 above. If you need assistance or have any questions regarding the proper location to place the detector, please contact the Somerville Fire Prevention Bureau at (617) 623-1700, ext. 8400, during regular office hours. (*Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*)